

Park Theatre

It has recently come to our attention that there may be some confusion over what the Park Theatre usage will be. The purpose of the theater as a multi-purpose building was outlined as part of a master plan over three years ago. There were articles in the paper, community meetings and forums in the park, to explain the process and solicit feedback. It has always been the intent of the city to renovate the theater so that it can be used to show movies, for small community performances and as a meeting place.

The grants we have received designate the usage for this building. The LPRF (Local parks and Recreation Funds) we received to restore the façade of the building stipulates that the building be used in large part for recreation-this would include the movies and performances on the stage. The DR grant (Delta Regional Authority) stipulates it also be used as a meeting venue in order to have workshops, and job training for business and industry within our community. Therefore, the building is multi-purpose to cover these uses.

The DRA grant will only cover the cost of the finishing the shell of the downstairs auditorium in order to make it suitable for meetings. It will not cover the cost of digital movie equipment which can run around \$ 75,000.00. Nor will it cover the cost of the stage and sound equipment or new seats for the auditorium.

The renovation process will be in phases, and as much as we would like, will not be completed in a few months. It is a work in progress. However, you can play a role to help speed this process for our theater to be up and running.

ACT II – Plan, Preserve, Protect is the fundraising group which was formed with the sole purpose of raising funds for the renovation of the theater. This hard working group of townspeople welcomes new members to help in these efforts. In addition, individuals and groups can donate funds for the renovation and receive a star on the lobby wall of the theater or inlaid in the outside sidewalk in honor or in memory of someone. You can be a STAR by your donation to get our theater up and going. Please call Stefanie Clericuzio, Chairperson @ 352-4000, or Jennifer Waldrup 352-2292 for more information on how you can lay a starring role in the future of the Park Theatre.